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A 'GENERIC' BAND, alias Frontier Theory, plays to crowds at Spring Fling in the Smith Center.

MCGB reallocates office space

CDs to share space with YAF; CAN and Bowling Club relocated

by Jeff Goldfarb
Hatchet Staff Writer

Responding to appeals from six student groups, Friday the Marvin Center Governing Board modified some of its original room allocations for next year.

The board granted the GW Community Action Network's request to move out of room 435 — originally allocated to the GW College Democrats, the Bowling Club, Women's Issues Now and CAN. The Bowling Club and CAN were moved to room 432, originally reserved as emergency space for groups without offices.

In addition, in a move which angered some club leaders, the board placed the Young Americans for Freedom — a right-wing student group who did not originally receive space — in 435 with the CDs and WIN. The Governing Board also allotted offices to two other new groups besides YAF, Women's Center Contacts and the Young Executives Club, who presented their arguments to the board's appeals committee April 18.

CAN co-coordinator Dean Lubnick said, "We're happy with the decision. The Governing Board recognized the individual needs of CAN." Two desks will remain open in room 432 for groups without space, as originally planned, with CAN using them when they are not occupied.

Unlike Lubnick, others are upset with Friday's decisions.

"We don't feel like we can have a working relationship in the office with (YAF)," CD President Amy Heir said, adding that the club is going to work with next year's Governing Board Chair Kamal Siblini in order to reverse the decision.

Space Allocations Committee Chair Curt Hansen, who originally proposed the YAF space allotment, said, "I understand what they're getting at, but it's so late in the procedure that we just couldn't bend over backwards any more."

"We did meet their concerns for space problems," Hansen added. "They do have different missions, but there's no reason they can't do administrative processes in the same room. We're not trying to cause problems, but I think they might be able to learn something next year."

"We're pretty happy," outgoing YAF President Jennifer Wilson said. "We don't have any problem. I like the people on the executive board of both groups. It might stir up some interesting political discussions, but I think they'll be fun."

"I'm entertained by about what's going to happen in room 435 next year," Lubnick noted.

Women's Center Contacts was placed in room 420 with the Lesbian and Gay People's Alliance and the Progressive Student Union. The Young Executives Club will

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Ray — from GW to mayor's race

by Christopher Moore
Hatchet Staff Writer
-Last in a series-

There is a picture on the wall of John Ray's District Building office. It's a photo of a small city limit sign, with only two words printed on it: "Toms Creek," as in Toms Creek, Georgia, Ray's boyhood home.

Ray, a former GW student, pointed to the picture when asked if he ever planned, as a young boy, to have a career in politics. The answer was that he didn't. He said his grandparents would be awed by all that has happened, by how far from Toms Creek John Ray wound up traveling.

"Blacks didn't even vote," Ray said, "although I did grow up in politics and around politicians."

Back then Ray's goals were modest.

"I certainly didn't dream that I would be on the city council in the nation's capital. I didn't dream I'd be a lawyer. I didn't dream I'd run for mayor. The only thing I dreamed about was getting out of Atlas County, Georgia, and the only sure way to do that was to join the military."

Certain values were passed on to Ray by his grandparents, the councilman said. They taught him about hard work, honesty, recognizing right from wrong and also recognizing that no one is perfect. "If they were living," he said of his grandparents, "I suppose they'd think this was a dream. They would probably be in awe." Ray stopped and smiled. "My grandfather, on the other hand, I'm not sure he would get all excited."

One lesson Ray said he learned early on was about being a better person day-by-day. "You try to be a better person today than you were yesterday," he said.

The same thing works on a larger scale for a city, and Ray said he's eager to attack challenging problems. "The issues we face are the same ones we faced 25 years ago," he noted, mentioning the district's drug plague, the housing shortage, the crisis in the city's educational system and the health care system (the high infant mortality rate, in particular).

"We don't need a candidate to create the issues," Ray said. "The issues are there."

Ray said Washington needs a mayor who will solve its problems with a

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Finance Committee proposes funding bill

by Lani Cossette
Hatchet Staff Writer

After three days of closed meetings with student groups, the GW Student Association Senate Finance Committee completed a bill, set to go before the senate Wednesday, which recommends allocating \$280,000 in SA funds to student groups.

However, transferring the Program Board's co-sponsorship fund remains in question as the senate prepares for debate on an amendment which would delegate the allocation of co-sponsorship funds to an SA committee.

The SA executive branch is set to receive \$62,500, \$5,000 more than last year, but, according to SA President-elect Frank Petramale, they came out even because of an additional \$5,000 the SA received to fund International Week.

"We're going to spend our money as effectively and efficiently as possible," Petramale said.

Graduate student groups received some of the largest increases. Finance Committee Chair Gary Frank said these groups need more support because of the number of students they represent and the exemplary programming they offer.

The committee requested \$8,450 for the Student Bar Association, \$1,850 more than the group was allocated last year, and \$5,600 for the Masters of Business Administration Association, \$1,250 above last year's total allocation.

The bill also addressed the recent controversy over the GW Program Board's co-sponsorship funds. According to Petramale, an amendment to the funding bill on co-sponsorships will be proposed at Wednesday's SA Senate meeting.

The amendment is in response to concerns from student groups who question the Program Board's accountability and "comfort dealing with the PB," Petramale said.

The amendment, proposed by Columbian College Senator-elect Sallie Stohler and SA Executive Vice President-elect Dave Parker, takes the co-sponsorship appropriation from the PB and sets up a SA committee to disperse funding for co-sponsorships. The committee would be made up of six people: two from the PB, two from the senate and two from the SA who are approved by the senate. If a co-sponsorship is denied, an appeal would

go to the committee and then to the full senate.

The funding bill, however, allocates \$143,000 to the PB, a \$5,000 increase over last year's funding. It also outlines stipulations for conducting co-sponsorships, which the PB must adhere to in order to receive \$15,000 of their allocation at midyear review.

According to Program Board Chair Mary Conneely, the PB approves of the allocation. Conneely recognized the "heated debate" over co-sponsorships, and said she thinks the debate will continue after the discussion of the committee's bill.

"I'm not thrilled about the \$15,000 hold over," Conneely said, explaining that \$15,000 is the amount spent on Spring Fling.

"All our programming is in place by December," Conneely added. "But that money won't be available to us now."

Petramale, who supports Stohler's amendment, said that according to the Finance Committee's recommendation, the \$15,000 was set aside as a reassurance, and PB programming wouldn't be affected because it can count on the money if it follows the stipulations in the bill.

The guidelines for the PB include submitting a report to the SA vice president for financial affairs, publishing standards for granting and denying co-sponsorships and appointing an SA member who will sit on the co-sponsorship board during its proceedings. The bill also requested that the PB "make a reasonable effort to reach our student groups and explain programming and the existence of co-sponsorships."

According to the proposal, the PB must post their reasons for denying a request for co-sponsorships within five days of the denial.

Stohler noted that the PB already has policies close to the stipulations in the bill. She said the fund should be completely removed from the PB, claiming the bill "doesn't have any tacks."

During the senate funding meetings, student groups requested funding for the 1990-91 school year with "packets" of their tentative programming and a formal oral petition.

According to Frank, the requests are judged on the individual group's contribution. (See FUNDS, p.8)

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Moore thoughts: Bombeck, Ray and the future of my column

Maybe there's a future in this column-writing thing. A week ago at the end of our interview, D.C. Councilman John Ray held up a Hatchet and said, "I might add that I used to write for this paper."

Apparently Ray, during his days as a GW student, used to do a weekly Op/Ed piece. He tackled the topics of his times: racial integration, human rights and cultural sensitivity. I hardly had the heart to tell him that my most popular column this year was about the leader of the free world showering with his dog.

I'd argue that being so irrelevant takes guts. Back when I was

a high school journalist (if that's not a contradiction in terms), I was paralyzed at the thought of writing anything for a newspaper with "I" in it. Writing about yourself in the newspaper seemed unsavory, self-absorbed and unnecessary — all adjectives that could be subscribed each week to this space. Who had the time, anyway? Most of high school was spent trying to find someone cool to sit next to at lunch.

So I kept up my anti-I policy for a long time. Then along came a personal crisis here or a growing pain there — the kinds of events that hit almost every person — and I felt the need to

write. Surprisingly enough, I found that people responded in a way they never did when I wrote about South Africa or Reagan's visit to Bitburg.

When I wrote about my life, whether it was something big happening to me or something small happening to the planet on which I live, people read and something sparked. Connections were made. I began to admire George Will less and Erma Bombeck more.

Not that personal essays make me all that comfortable. They don't. A certain tension exists between wanting to tell a story of personal relevance or express

a personal opinion and, at the same time, not wanting to inflict unsolicited opinions on the public.

God knows all writing — and anything done in public — is like that to some degree. People are going to judge what they read, watch, eat or date. That's the nature of the human beast.

All the same it's a scary business, this column-writing.

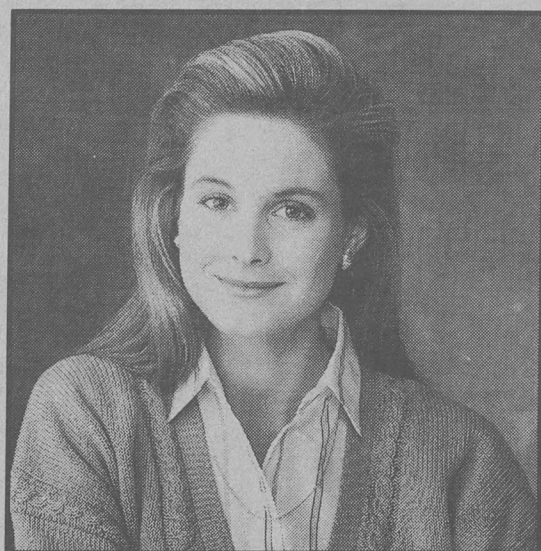
Rewarding, too. For instance, last week I wrote about a baseball pitchback I had as a kid. Seemed like an innocent enough endeavor as I wrote it. Only later did I read it and notice that it could be viewed as a

whimpering, silly piece of garbage. But all was not lost. On Thursday an acquaintance stopped me on the street and said she liked the column. She used to play baseball as a kid. "I saw myself in that column," she said.

Well, that's everything, right? That's the whole point of an otherwise pointless enterprise. So I guess I'll take my tired body and my Monday thoughts and move off into nowhere (New Jersey). Maybe we'll all meet again some far-off day at a newspaper near you.

—Christopher Moore

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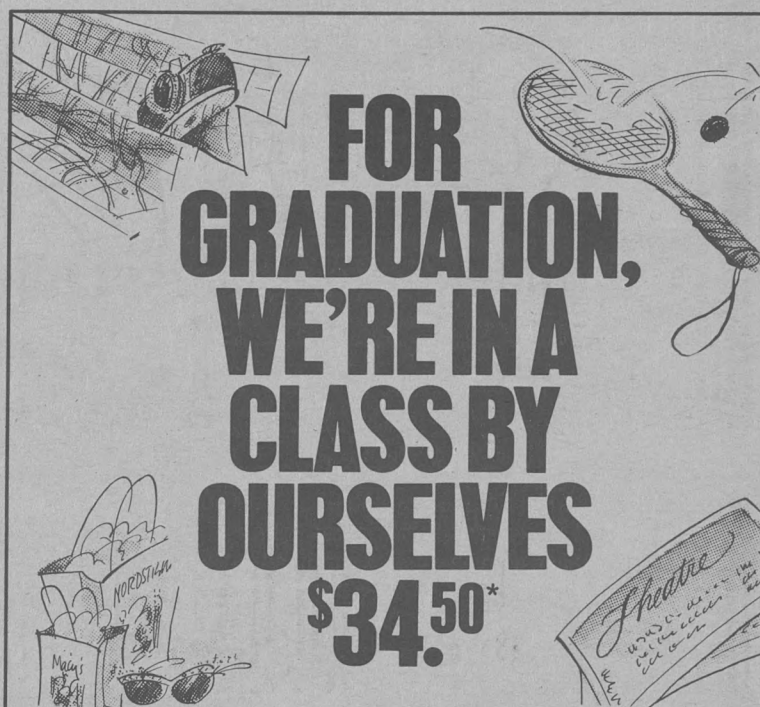
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Nader warns of corporate power

Consumer advocate blasts Democrats for not defining their platform

by Anastasia Benshoff

Hatchet Staff Writer

Corporations are exercising "subtle but complete control" over American political and social values, said consumer advocate Ralph Nader to about 130 people at the College Democrats' National Training Conference Banquet Saturday (see page 17).

"When President Ford said that corporations are the most influential force in this country, he was not making an understatement," Nader said in the Marvin Center. "The initiative in shaping or blocking public policy is made by corporations. These corporations are global and they are not loyal to the United States if they can make a profit elsewhere," he said.

Nader, a lawyer, became prominent as a consumer advocate in the 1960s when he blasted the manufacturers of the Corvair convertible in his book, *Unsafe at Any Speed*, accusing the automobile industry of producing dangerous cars.

Nader said Americans have grown accustomed to the influence of corporations and are unaware of their power. "We grow up corporate and adopt corporate values through advertising and politics," Nader said. "Kiddiecare raises our kids, McDonald's feeds them, Nike clothes them and HBO entertains them."

"Look at how much time kids spend under the influence of corporate vales compared to how much time they spend with their families," Nader said.

Nader criticized corporate political action committees for influencing Congress "to the point that some groups can't access their congressmen at all. Political action committees are different to a millionaire giving money to a candidate, they are far more influential," he said.

"The worst part is that an incumbent supported by powerful PACs intimidates the hell out of potential challengers. A possible challenger thinks that they can't compete against a well-supported incumbent," Nader said. "The most pernicious effect of PACs is that by drying up the pool of challengers they are making the U.S. a one-party state."

"Corporate demands are met because they threaten layoffs, closequits or company flight. Time and time again corpora-

tions send out the message not to compete," he said.

He also spoke about former President Ronald Reagan. "Ronald Reagan is the fine illustration of what happens when voters are not inquisitive and do not investigate candidates. Reagan was the quintessential 'Miller Time' president. He showed that words are the only thing that matter. Americans are not looking at the issues," Nader added.

He said Democrats inadvertently contributed to the popularity of Reagan. "If they hadn't vetoed his strategies so many times and they had actually gone through, he would have sunk."

Nader criticized the Democratic party for not defining issues crucial to their platform. "In South Carolina, Democrats say that the issue is 'constituent service,'" he noted.

He said the line between Democrats and Republicans has become blurred. "Democrats are becoming 'mainstream,' which only means a Republican with an edge on Democratic issues. These are the lazy persons in the Democratic party," he added. "The most important issue in politics will be where the redistribution of power will happen."

Nader also criticized the Democratic party for not promoting younger members of the party. "Why aren't the elders in the Democratic party putting more attention to the young — this is a real problem and it must be addressed if we are to foster a robust party."

The weakening of trade unions has also contributed to the Democratic party's waning power, according to Nader. "The unions did it to themselves — heavy seniority, corrupt leaders, undemocratic treatment of the rank and file and an inability to deal with automation and foreign competition all contributed to a weakening of the trade union," he added.

Nader said the recent surge in environmental concerns lacks a cutting edge. "When the Clean Air Act is hacked up so it will pass, that is not a compromise, it is a serious dilution." He said it is imperative that a "mediating force" be created to control environmental concerns.

"Student groups need to develop creative strategies to deal with issues," Nader said. "You are the germ seed of a new resurgence of your generation."

It's Greek to Me

IFC to fund monkey program for disabled

The GW Interfraternity Council is sponsoring "Helping Hands," a community service project training monkeys to aid quadriplegics throughout the country.

The project is otherwise known as "The Mendelson Monkey Program," named after outgoing IFC President Herbie Mendelson who is responsible for bringing the project to campus.

Before being placed with a quadriplegic, the monkeys are bred in Disneyworld and made familiar to humans after living with a foster family for three years. They then go through a six month training period before being permanently placed with a quadriplegic.

The IFC will sponsor a monkey sent to the Washington metropolitan area to live with a foster family. "Helping Hands will cost the Interfraternity Council approximately \$2,700 to \$3,000 a year, that includes costs that will enable the monkey to maintain a high standard of living so he or she can live a long and prosperous life with the quadriplegic they are helping," Mendelson said.

The money to support the monkeys will be raised through fundraising, according to Helping Hands Committee Chairman Brian Cohen.

Mendelson said some people expressed concern that the money to support the monkey will come from

fraternity dues. "If we can raise over \$3,000 in pennies (during Greek Week), it will be no problem at all to raise money for this program," he said.

According to M.J. Willard, founder of the program, the majority of quadriplegics are men between the ages of 18 and 25, making the fraternity system extremely beneficial to quadriplegics since most men in fraternities are between these ages.

"I think the program will be extremely successful, and it is very impressive of the IFC to take on such a noble task. No other school in the nation has sponsored this program yet and maybe we will establish a trend," said Office of Campus Life Coordinator for Greek Affairs and Student Leadership Sue Gowen.

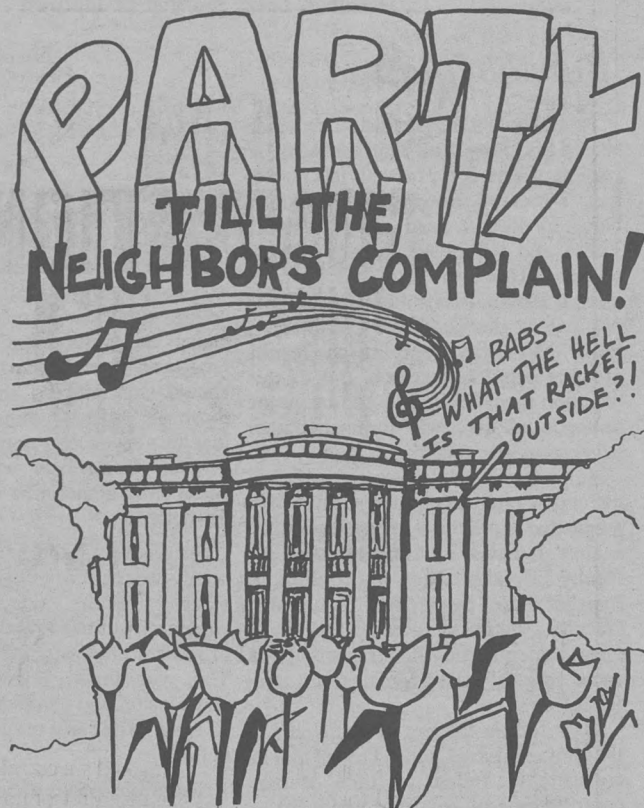
Mendelson said fraternities are viewed as taking a lot from the GW community, without giving in return. "This is a highly visible program that reaches out and touches people in the Foggy Bottom community," he said.

IFC President Dave Aldrich said, "Helping Hands monkeys are affectionate, responsive friends whose companionship can brighten a quadriplegic's outlook on life."

The IFC expects a monkey to be arriving sometime next fall.

-Aaron R. Kwitken

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Editorials

Money well spent

The Senate Finance Committee spent three days last week hammering out a plan to fund student groups next week. It looks like a pretty good plan overall and the full senate would be wise to approve it without significant revision.

The proposal spreads the wealth around, fairly and evenly. Overall, it seems the panel granted more money to groups that have demonstrated an ability to provide interesting programming for GW students. It's a tough job that the finance committee faced, especially given that the University hasn't granted the kind of increase in funding for campus programming that is needed. A university with the tremendous potential for programming that GW has requires more than the \$280,000 currently allotted to student groups. But given that this is no Utopia, and that the numbers aren't as high as one might wish, the finance committee appears to have awarded money to the right groups for the right reason.

We are also happy that the money was allocated for the right reasons — non-political ones. It is a good sign that the groups that helped get members elected were not paid back with senate money.

One potentially controversial aspect though is that half of the Program Board's co-sponsorship budget was not granted — yet. PB will get another \$15,000 later in the year, assuming that the Senate approves of how the co-sponsorship process is working and that PB is following the guidelines established. There have been complaints recently about how PB handles the way issued co-sponsorship money. Having PB demonstrate it can handle its assigned task is a reasonable enough compromise. It's highly unlikely that the full senate could come up with a better plan.

We suspect PB will demonstrate its ability to handle the task of co-sponsorship, just as it has in the past. Only in their wildest dreams could SA senators believe that the SA should, as has been suggested, play a larger role in doling out co-sponsorship money. The idea that PB is a more politically motivated organizations than the SA is only slightly less than insane, but the senate is to be commended for continuing to grant PB the responsibilities it has handled well in the past.

If the senate can continue the year with the frame of mind it used to create the finance bill, we could have some actual student leadership to look forward to next year.

Junkbond dog

Some shed tears last week when junk bond wizard Mike Milken admitted he was wrong. The financier said he will plead guilty to six felony counts, leading to \$600 million in fines and jail time estimated to be five years.

Why then will some people be upset that Milken was punished for his breaking the law? That's what we wonder as well.

To many, Milken, the man who developed junk — high interest, risky bonds that created quick capital — was a hero. In the money fever of the 80s, he became the king of greed. With a few phone calls he could sell a few million in junk bonds, leading to corporate takeovers, and a hefty commission for himself. Mike made \$1 billion between 1983 and 1987, \$550 million in 1987 alone.

But like Milken claimed all along, some felt he was innocent, a good guy who helped many with his millions. Some claim was responsible for creating many jobs due to his bonds helping industry. Others see him as a friend of charities, who gave money to help the needy as well as the Jewish cause in Israel — a modern-day Robin Hood.

However, we must remember that as romantic as a Robin Hood is, the taking from the "takes from the rich" part of the phrase is still illegal. Remember, although Mike pleaded guilty to six counts, he was accused of 98. Charity is good, but breaking the law negates any wrongdoing.

Besides the argument that Milken was a good guy for his philanthropy, some feel that his ability to mass such a fortune makes him a hero. What these people often forget is the impact of what the junk bond czar's greed led to. When the bonds he issued fail, people all over get hurt. Those who are owed, those who work for those who are owed and down the line until the entire economy is effected. Just look towards the savings and loan crisis and the bailout to see how Mike Milken, his junk and greed has taught the economy and the taxpayers a lesson.

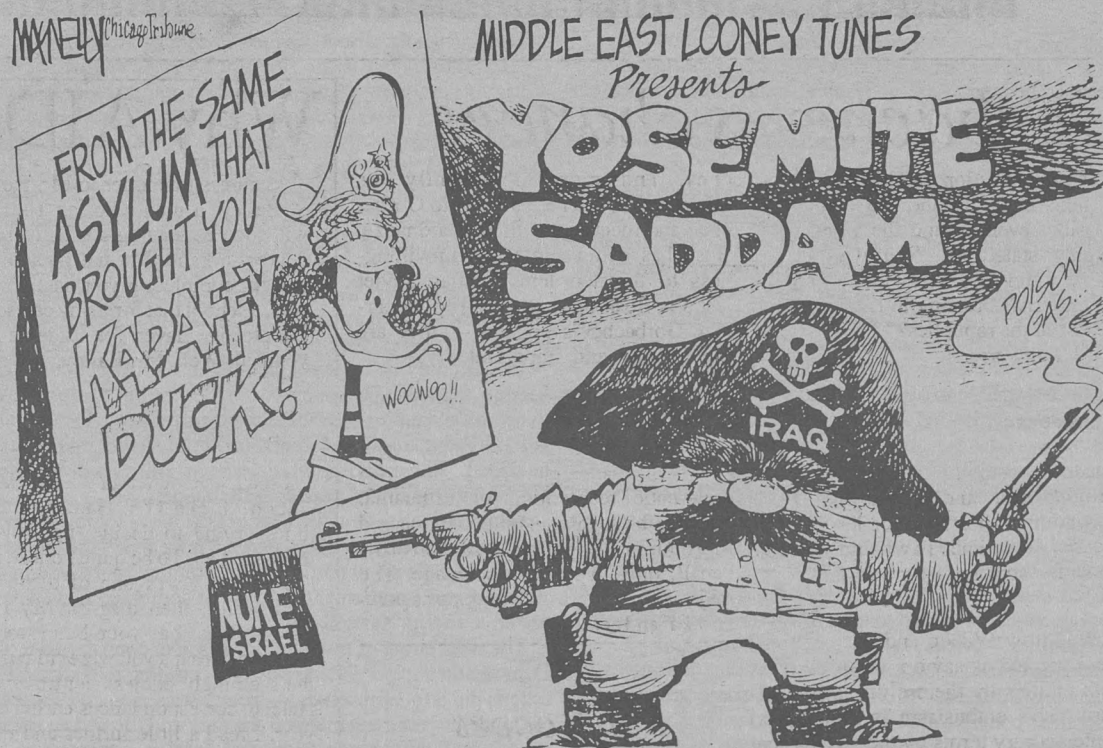
Mike Milken will be gone for a few years, but the legacy he left behind will be with the United States for years to come.

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Letters to the editor

Fighting drugs

Jill Rabino's letter to the editor supporting the legalization of marijuana is off base and shows a lack of understanding of our nation's drug problem. Ms. Rabino advocates the legalization of marijuana on two levels: legalization would allow the government to develop and execute education and rehabilitation programs, and it would also enable our nation's government to eradicate other types of illegal drug consumption.

First, legalization would make even a greater farce out of education programs. On one hand, our nation would be sending a message to the youth of America that marijuana use is legal. Then, with the other hand, our government would be teaching children that marijuana use is bad. This is clearly a mixed message that would devastate current education and rehabilitation programs.

Ms. Rabino contends that legalization would free up money for rehabilitation programs. This supposed savings would obviously be negated by the increased drug usage due to legalization. Furthermore, study after study has concluded marijuana use generally leads to the use of harder drugs. Rehabilitation and education programs would be necessary for these people so any monetary benefits clearly would be offset.

In regard to the ability of our government to eradicate other types of drugs, Ms. Rabino's analysis is clearly only partially thought out. Because of the increase in hardcore drug use that would accompany the legalization of marijuana, government eradication and control measures would become even more useless.

The only way to decrease drug abuse is to confront the problem head on. Education at an early age, both in schools and in the home, needs to be increased. People need to take part in local programs and volunteer their time

to make education programs work. Our government needs to build more prisons and severely punish drug pushers. Only this way can the drug scourge end and the lives of Americans be safe once again.

-Jonathan Lack

Banzhaf blasted

Professor John Banzhaf once again shared his views with us in the April 16 edition of The GW Hatchet. It's nice to have a tenured professor with nothing better to do than read The New York Times and tell busy students what, it reported. However, it would be even nicer if Banzhaf contributed something original to the academic community, rather than always reporting the results of other peoples' research. Indeed, his "opinion piece" failed to add even one sentence of his own commentary or suggestion for reform.

I also found it interesting that Banzhaf chose to tell us about a study which purported to show discrimination against females in the classroom by faculty of both sexes. According to Banzhaf, the researcher found that "faculty members consistently take male students and their contributions more seriously than females and their ideas."

As a former student of Banzhaf's at the National Law Center, I recall that he consistently failed to take student contributions of any kind seriously — from either sex.

Banzhaf further reports that this researcher found professors to be "more likely to remember men's names." I recall that Banzhaf never bothered to learn the names of any students. He further reports that the researcher advises teachers to "encourage women to initiate comments." I remember one class where Banzhaf brought a first-year female student to tears because she

didn't have anything valuable to add to his so-called "discussion."

Banzhaf would do this University a tremendous service if he stopped sharing his routine surveys of the popular media with us and focused his attention on effective teaching and worthwhile research of his own.

-Joseph F. Nicholson

Appalled

I was appalled and dismayed by the views expressed by Robert Bailey in the April 19 issue of The GW Hatchet. One could argue, based on his premises, that nonsmokers should not concern themselves with those who suffer from lung cancer and emphysema, that those who are fit and slender and eat the right foods should not concern themselves with those who suffer from heart disease and that the genetically "normal" should not concern themselves with those who suffer from hemophilia and other genetic disorders.

Fortunately, our society, which highly values individual freedom, also places a high value on a shared community of needs and interests. Each of these problems is the concern of all. The widespread public reaction of compassion and sympathy to the death of Ryan White is a noble tribute to this belief.

The Bible speaks about the many evil acts that people commit, but to assert that sodomy is one of the very worst is a gross distortion. Adultery is the only sexual sin mentioned in the gospels. Jesus does, however, preach at length about the evils of self-righteousness. His most devastating criticisms were directed precisely at the "normal, moral heterosexual" people of the day.

-Kevin M. Stephenson

Opinion

Gorbachev's chances

The big question on Capitol Hill and in think tanks around the country — possibly even around the world — is roughly stated as, "Can Gorbachev, *glasnost* and *perestroika* all survive the current crisis brewing in Lithuania and the rest of the republics?" The answer is ... I think so.

My optimism does not come from a tremendous amount of Russian history and years of obscure research, but instead stems from the overt enthusiasm that *glasnost* and *perestroika* have enjoyed since their introduction in 1985. Few single policies have enjoyed such praise for so long a time as these two have.

Woodrow Wilson and his 14 points were greeted as saviors when the two, both entities by themselves, arrived in Paris. This enthusiasm is matched in contemporary terms by the signals sent from the shops in East and West Germany. The popular selling items are not only pieces of the wall, but tacky decals, t-shirts and post cards of the man who made it happen: Gorbachev.

I imagine, had the technology been available, my grandfather might have returned from Paris in 1919 with a t-shirt picturing Woodrow Wilson, hailing him as the savior of Europe. Today, however, my friend Claude returned not with a t-shirt picturing an American president, but one donning Gorbachev's familiar face, minus the birthmark.

Has there ever been a single policy with so much widespread support? From the beaches of Los Angeles and the coast of Maine to the shores of the English Channel and the artists in Red Square, people want to believe in *glasnost* and *perestroika*.

Support for these policies also rests behind the desk in the Oval Office. President Bush has repeatedly expressed a willingness to cooperate with Gorbachev, and more importantly, as

evidenced by his recent letter to Gorbachev and meetings with Shevardnadze, Bush has demonstrated an unwillingness to threaten less popular Soviet leaders. Bush does not want to jeopardize Gorbachev's policies — they are too popular and important.

Congress failed to pass a Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) amendment to the Clean Air Act which would have provided strong anti-Soviet language and a move for diplomatic recognition of Lithuania. Instead, the senate unanimously passed a resolution that required no action on its behalf, only expressive language. The majority in Congress also supports *perestroika* and *glasnost*.

Rob Hoopes

Woodrow Wilson's 14 points never came to fruition. He and his vision of a new, safer world were dashed by his personal shortcomings and political blunders.

Unlike the United States, where the Bill of Rights is not linked to one man, *perestroika* and *glasnost* still appeared to be linked to Gorbachev. Lose the man, lose the policies. Lithuanians know this. Consequently, it has been Lithuanians — President Landsbergis himself — who now use words like "gradual, peaceful and dialogue." Gorbachev, and indeed the courage of the Lithuanian people, made their March 11 declaration of independence possible. Both Gorbachev and the Lithuanians seem too clever to become responsible for their mutual demise.

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An insider's guide to MC space allocation process

The GW Hatchet's readers deserve the facts behind the office space allocation process which The GW Hatchet failed to present in its news feature, "MC space allocations rile student groups" and editorial, "Spaced out," both in the April 16 edition of the paper.

As chairman of the Marvin Center Governing Board's Office Space Allocation Committee, I not only instituted the allocation process, but presided over all of the decisions made by the committee. This intimate connection with the entire process will enable me to present readers with facts, as opposed to mere supposition and incomplete information upon which The GW Hatchet based its articles.

To receive office space in the Marvin Center, student groups were required to submit an application to the Office of Campus Life. These applications were available in the Office of Campus Life from March 5 through March 26. The space committee not only sent applications to all registered student groups in

the first week of March, but also ran two half-page advertisements in The GW Hatchet during the three-week period when the applications were available. Despite this detailed notice, only 48 groups applied for space. The committee denied space to only six of the groups that applied. This accounts for what The GW Hatchet felt was a low number of groups receiving office space.

The committee decided which groups should receive space based on the student group's applications, containing information concerning their membership, programming, community involvement, degree of projected office space use and history. The committee then determined which groups should share space, based primarily on expected office use levels. Of course, the committee attempted to place groups together that had similar missions and views, but only if this could be done while assuring no overcrowding of the office space. The GW

Why AIDS is everyone's problem

I address this letter to Mr. Robert S. Bailey, a man who, as a senior, will soon be leaving our University, degree in hand. My hat goes off to you for completing your last year at GW, a school that for many can act as a protective haven for students like yourself. Well, Mr. Bailey, you anticipated this reaction, so this comes as no surprise. Let me be the first to welcome you to the real world.

I read your letter in the April 19 edition of The GW Hatchet a few times, trying to decide just how it made me feel. To be quite honest, my first reaction was one of disbelief, then horror, then disgust. My first thought was that your letter was a joke and perhaps you were ridiculing the seemingly endless controversial Hatchet correspondences earlier this year. I read a little further and realized you were serious. I would love to call you a Bible-Thumping Homophobic, but that would be unfair and judgmental, much like yourself. So, Mr. Bailey, if you are still reading this, read on.

First, Mr. Bailey, being the "normal, moral, heterosexual" person that you claim to be, let's address your facts. Your figures were questionable, but that is secondary. The fact is that if anyone gets AIDS, it is a problem — everyone's problem. It's true that if you abstain from premarital sex, are monogamous and "just say no," the risk of contraction is greatly decreased. That, I will not argue. However, not everyone shares your definition of proper moral standards, so it doesn't always happen that way. Snap out of

your Utopia, Mr. Bailey. People have contracted AIDS — a disease carrying a fatality rate of 100 percent so far. The reasons they contracted it should not be the issue, nor should the victim's character. It is a crisis.

You make the disease sound like a Holy Plague sent by God, a plague which will bring homosexuals to their knees. So why is AIDS found less frequently in women? Is this a selective plague? Mr. Bailey, what is the disease if you *don't* believe in God and you believe the Bible to be a brilliant work of fiction? Must these people also fall upon their knees if they get sick? Are you a sinner if you know someone with AIDS? What if

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you know someone who died of AIDS related complications? What if you cared for, loved and held an AIDS baby in your arms shortly before he died? Keep in mind that he is not counted anywhere among your statistics. No one asked him what his sexual preferences would be or if he planned on taking drugs. How do you categorize these people, Mr. Bailey?

Sigmund Freud would say your very statements regarding sexuality reflect your hidden homosexual feelings. I am not saying that, for one's sexual preference is a very private thing and I do not want to judge your character, but Freud would say it. If a

troop of Boy Scouts had been the first victims of AIDS in our country, you can bet that the funding would be a lot greater than it is now. Were the first people afflicted with the disease not moral and not worthy of such attention? As for the other diseases you mentioned, they are all horrible, and no one deserves to suffer from them. But once you get HIV, there is no cure. Read up Mr. Bailey.

That's where sex education comes in. Do you expect young people to just wake up one day and discover they know everything there is to know about sex and how to prevent sexually transmitted disease? It would be great if every child were educated at home about sex and the public school system didn't have to do it, but it doesn't happen. Sex education is a need, and as far as moral training goes, I'll let you take care of that.

It was interesting that you took it upon yourself to decide what is and what is not moral. How big of you to give Ryan White the status of victim, not immoral sinner. Indeed, he was a brave individual who opened many eyes to the AIDS crisis and made it a little more real for the rest of us. He is an individual to be celebrated.

As for you, Mr. Bailey, I still regard your letter with disbelief, and wonder when you'll open your eyes. It's not just that you and I think so differently, one opinion against the other. It's an uncompromising incurable disease. Those are the facts.

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Curt Hansen

Hatchet suggested that the committee should have taken into account the amount of traffic in each office when allocating space. This is a good idea. An idea which the Office Space Allocation Committee had already implemented.

The GW Hatchet also accused the committee of being "out of touch with campus organizations and uninformed about what they do." The committee was a very diverse group. It included three students who each have several years of experience in the Marvin Center. In addition, two professionals from the Campus Activities Office and two others from the Office of Campus Life served the committee in an advisory capacity. Add their insight to the information submitted by the groups

themselves, and you have quite an informed group on your hands.

Fourth, groups that submitted applications but were denied space were invited to participate in an appeals process. This process consisted of the submission of a one-page statement supporting the group's application and an informal hearing by members of the Governing Board. Through this process, the committee allowed disgruntled groups to stress any favorable factors they felt the committee may have missed the first time it reviewed their application.

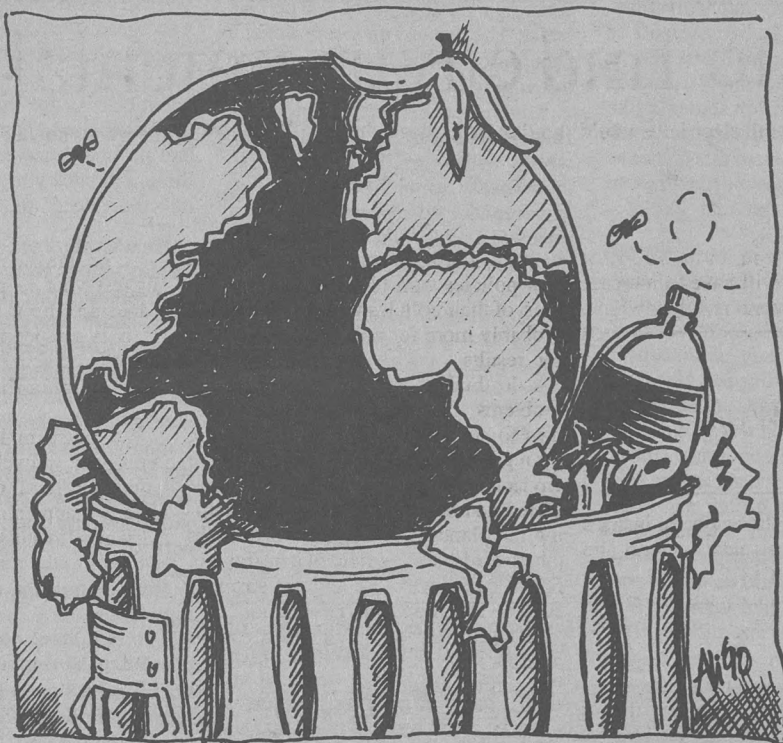
As you can see, the Office Space Allocation Committee made not only structured decisions, not only informed decisions, but most importantly, fair decisions. What did the committee members get for the time and effort they expended on behalf of the GW community? Insults. Instead of applauding those who competently made the allocation decisions, The GW Hatchet suggested that these people "use their brains" when they make their "idiotic"

decisions and that they stop acting with such "insanity." It is no wonder that competent people are often reluctant to make a commitment to serve their communities.

The GW Hatchet, while stating its conclusions about the allocation process, demonstrated the weakness of its position. The GW Hatchet reverted to name-calling, the classic tactic of those who are "out of touch" and "uninformed." How could The GW Hatchet have obtained a factual predicate for its features? Easy. They could have contacted me, the chairman of the Office Space Allocation Committee, before writing the story. After all, I did send The GW Hatchet a letter, with my name on it, containing an office space application, and I also ordered two half-page advertisements in their newspaper. Now who's "Spaced out?"

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EARTH DAY '90



our throw-away society and
the earth

Earth Day, like Christmas, really did have some value

I've never liked hollow celebrations or hackneyed anniversaries, at least for their own sake.

Take Christmas. The once pagan Christian ritual celebrating the birth of the "Prince of Peace" has been transmuted horribly in this country to stampedes at the checkout counters buying the most expensive gifts possible, paid for with plastic and given as appeasement to some sister or third uncle we never really cared about anyway. But Bloomingdales loves ya for it, really.

Earth Day 1990 was about par for my course, and I've been labelled by the media and the political right as one of those capital-E "Environmentalists."

I guess there's just no pleasing me or my fellow unyielding eco-fanatics. Earth Day 1990 for me was a show and dance and Tom Cruise. Good. Then the tourists and EPA employees and even some of the volunteers probably got right back into their cars for the drive home, spewing pollutants all the way.

The show's over. Today it's 20 years and a day since the so-called capital-H "Hippies" got together to bury cars and wave flags to alert the public about the daunting manmade threats to continued human existence on this planet.

Other than the gracious promotion we've received from the popular media — going from "hippies" to "environmentalists" — what else will be left in the aftermath of Earth Day 1990?

As I see it, it's black and white: what's left are the inert and the active.

The inert are paranoid rightists like George Will, who in a Washington Post column last week, "Earth Day's Hidden Agenda," complained that "the environmentalists" are really pro-Soviet communists whose only motivations are

to tell you what to do at every step — with your driving habits, aluminum cans, energy use, etc. "The green tree has red roots," Mr. Will warned.

This paranoia will not facilitate the cooperation we need to combat the threats to our common security.

I am not a communist, as Mr. Will suggests — I am a *Common-ist*, and so is he. Being intelligent, Mr. Will must certainly agree with the premise that human beings are interactive beings, interdependent in their need of a global resource base to provide them with clean air, water, food and minerals.

I also believe that, left to their own devices to do whatever they want, humans will certainly and eventually destroy — for petty personal gain — some of these basic common resources we all depend on for survival.

This is what has been referred to as the "Tragedy of the Commons," and evidence of it is hideous and growing: the ozone hole from continued CFC

production, asphyxiating urban smog from unbridled automotive exhaust and deforestation, the Love Canal and Times Beach toxic waste disasters from corporate misconduct and Exxon's recent well-publicized donnybrooks in Prince William Sound and New York Harbor.

If you follow the line of the "inertists" like Mr. Will, you're willing to allow the above-mentioned incidents to continue; you're willing to let companies' and individuals' "polluter's rights" take precedence over your own right to a clean and healthy environment, simply because you don't want the government interfering in whatever evil Exxon or Hooker Chemical may have up their sleazy sleeves.

This laissez-faire argument will persist after Earth Day 1990, but I suspect its days are numbered. The "polluter's rights" argument has a nasty Catch-22 built in: by the time we ban CFCs in air conditioning, the effects of the CFCs in the atmosphere will begin to be felt, prompting lazy "inertists" like Mr. Will to spend all day in their little airconditioned, self-contained environments exacerbating the problem.

The other post-Earth Day approach is a more positive approach — an active approach. It's not scary and shouldn't make you fear for your safety (that's Mr.

Robert Mentzinger

Will's department). It goes something like this: "I know my actions can sometimes have bad effects on the planet and future generations. What can I do in my own personal actions that minimize these threats?"

There are several answers, and I'm sure this isn't the first time you've heard most of them.

Solid waste: There are on-campus recycling facilities for glass and newspaper (FSK Alley) and aluminum (G Street Firehouse). Recycling will be mandatory next year in Washington anyway, so let's start now, shall we? In brief: *reduce* your output of trash, *re-use* what you produce and *recycle* whatever is left. Not as simple as chucking it down the garbage chute, but c'mon, we're an evolving species. Learn how to handle it.

The last thing you want to hear about is Earth Day. You've been inundated with Earth Day talk, Earth Day television programs, Earth Day entertainment, Earth Day literature and plenty of Earth Day chat. The ecological political movement of the 1970s turned into the public relations nightmare of the 90s. It was bound to happen.

Keep reading, though, and consider the consequences of apathy. Something important — something life-saving — stands behind all the mindless chatter. Yesterday's events amounted to something more than eco-babble. People gathered in 140 nations to demand something of their governments and themselves: survival. With the global population continuing to escalate, issues like acid rain, deforestation, global warming and the depleting ozone layer are more than media-produced hysteria.

All is not lost — and hopefully Earth Day 1990 will be even more of a kickoff to ecological sensitivity than was its counterpart two decades before. Some battles have been won in the last 20 years — more challenges await.

In a world with barriers, political and otherwise, a truly global environmental effort was never possible. That's changing. Interdependency is likely to be the password as environmentalists take their case to the developing nations. Today we offer some forecasts and proposals from GW writers, members of a generation that has "save the planet" on its collective to-do list.

Transportation: Ride a bike or take the Metro. If you must own a car (and it should be questioned whether a student really needs a car at all, especially in the city), buy one based on fuel efficiency and consolidate your errands to reduce trips and traffic.

Energy: Turn down the thermostat. Use a fan instead of the AC. Insulate to save on your utility bill. Install water-saving showerheads and take showers instead of baths.

If any of these measures seem too draconian, then it is my conclusion that human beings (and especially the pampered American breed) can't adapt to the current status of the Earth, and

will soon eradicate themselves from the planet. We mustn't allow ourselves to become extinct because of our own petty greed.

This is not an idle impossibility. We are now in the midst of an "extinction event" which scientists say may eliminate as many species as the Cretaceous event did 65 million years ago, when the bulky, dominating dinosaur disappeared.

Actually, the steps outlined here don't even scratch the surface of the layers upon layers of non-biodegradable pollutants, "permanent" nuclear wastes and other impermeable crap we've already heave-ho'd so heartily upon our life-giving planet. But it is a start. Would you like to help? Or will you merely join in the destruction?

I'd like to rethink the pessimism with which I began. You know, all the Christmas stuff. A holiday can be an effective reminder of the extraordinary good health, abundant natural resources and potential for spiritual well-being which this planet has bestowed upon us.

Christmas may still be celebrated that way in many places.

But it takes selflessness. It takes a reverence for the health of this larger, wondrous whole on which you inescapably depend, as only one very transient and meaningless species among perhaps 30 million.

Where Earth Day 1990 will succeed is in exposing the "inertists," as well as the political opportunists who would like to see the environment, as an issue, either go away, or, as GW Young Americans for Freedom member Aaron Weiss suggested in a Hatchet editorial last week, become the vehicle for right-wing extremists to coast to power under the strength of the "Green Vote."

In order for the right to "take back the conservation issue," as Weiss vainly suggested, they're going to have to kick paranoid egotists like Mr. Will out of the party, then abandon their self-centered, privileged mission and accept the need for some minor personal changes in the lifestyles of jaded Americans.

In the end, it's not an issue of right or left at all. The survival of our adventurous species will hinge on the ability of activists from both sides of the political spectrum to convert the lazy "inertists" into concerned citizens. It's a choice between nothing less than continuing on the path to rapid human extinction, or changing to a more socially-conscious, sustainable society based not on personal greed, but common well-being.

Which side are you on?

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EARTH DAY '90

Avoiding extremes in effort to find environmental sense

I have no faith in earthlings as a whole. There are some individuals, and selected groups, that are honestly concerned about meaningful and practical benefits for our planet, but they are a small minority. Others are participating in Earth Day because they are curious to see what it is all about, they want to be involved with the "in" topic or because they feel pressured to get involved.

Check back with me in a year to see how many people show up for Earth Day 1991. It is the latest fad, like hula-hoops, pet rocks, jogging, Cabbage Patch Kids or Trivial Pursuit. All are still with us in differing degrees, but they have peaked.

The problem with Earth Day is that if 1990 is its pinnacle, then the world is in big trouble. Americans are basically inflexible people. Don't tell Americans, including myself, that we *have* to do X, Y and Z. If X, Y and Z inconveniences us in any way, then we will not do it.

It's like our health. We all should exer-

cise at least three times a week, eat a balanced diet and not smoke, but not all of us do these because it is our right to pollute our bodies if we choose.

Which brings up the question, "Do we have the right to pollute our planet if we choose?" Yes, we do. If we choose to cut down trees, own three cars, throw away everything and build nuclear and chemical weapons, no one can really stop us.

The leftist liberals will say "No, you can't do that to my planet." I don't know where they came from, but I live in a democracy, where the majority rules and obviously, the majority has chosen to screw this planet. The liberals claim they have the support of the majority behind them. That's garbage. (No pun intended.) If the world was run the way some of these radicals want it, we would all be eating bean sprouts (no meat, because animals have the right to enjoy the Earth, too), riding around on bikes (of course, no cars) and living in chilly

love-in communes (all electricity would come from solar power, which is impossible).

There is another extreme with the big business. "If you force us to meet these unrealistic environmental control demands, then we will have to increase prices and lay off workers," they whine.

David Weber

Baloney. Most of the major industries have the money to make at least the basic changes that will help the planet, but, understandably, they see how it will cut into their profits.

The latest push by industry is laughable. Downey is pushing its small concentrated fabric softener in a paper carton, which will replace its bottles. What about the millions of plastic

bottles in garbage dumps? What about the millions of cartons to come that will be added? They tried, but failed.

Dupont, oil companies and tuna canners all have done little things to help the Earth, but in the long run the new policies won't help much. Besides most of their policies were implemented probably more for public relations than for results.

I do think there is a solution to the problems, though. First, force companies to stop the worst of the polluting through laws. Also, many hardcore environmentalists must realize that there must be a line drawn where helping the planet is no longer worth it. In other words, don't get rid of cars, but get rid of leaded gasoline and put stronger control emissions on new models.

What to do for coal miners, especially of high-sulfur coal, is a tough decision. We can't just close all the high-sulfur coal mines in the United States and leave these people and their families with no source of income. The govern-

ment does not need a few thousand more welfare families to support, though, but the mines are highly destructive for the environment.

There is no easy answer.

To get citizens involved you have to suggest what people can do to help their planet and how it will directly effect them. When people realize that the new landfill, replacing the full one, may go in their neighborhood, they will do something.

We must make it convenient for people to recycle with every town having at least one location. This is already happening, but if you expect substantial results, you must show real numbers to the public. Americans don't want long goals, they want short terms results.

It will take more than a decade, but Americans might learn to help the planet. But I doubt it.

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Victories aside, don't think the dolphins are safe just yet

Every consumer who goes into a food market, purchases a can of chunk-white tuna and makes a supposedly nutritious tuna sandwich or salad, is participating, often unknowingly, in the needless slaughter of dolphins. No, dolphin is not used as an ingredient in the tuna product, but dolphins are used by tuna fleets to locate and capture huge amounts of tuna that, for reasons unknown to man, swim under the herds of dolphins.

Recently, three major domestic suppliers of canned tuna — StarKist Seafood Co., Bumble Bee and Chicken of the Sea — announced that they would no longer buy tuna caught with methods that kill dolphins. While I am surprised and grateful for this new policy, I still remain skeptical about the sincerity of both the tuna companies and fleets, given their long history of dolphin-slaughter mentality.

Since 1959, the tuna fishing industry, comprised of Mexico, Venezuela, Vanuatu, Spain, El Salvador, Panama and the United States, has killed an estimated 6.5 million dolphins in the Eastern Tropical Pacific. Prior to the 1950s, yellow-finned tuna (the largest species of tuna) was caught by hook-and-line methods. Later, a new form of net, the purse-seine, was found to reap in masses of tuna in just one setting. Shortly after, the fleets noticed the direct correlation between migrating dolphin herds and the tuna. Because the tuna swim far under water, the fleets began locating and following dolphins — which swim on the surface of the sea — in order to ensnare large quantities of the tuna.

The dolphins are intentionally run down and captured to increase the profits of the tuna fleets. Herds are located and then chased by the fleets in speedboats and helicopters. They

pursue the frightened dolphins until the exhausted animals cannot go further. The hideous dolphin roundup then begins as the purse-seines are dropped. Fishermen drop underwater explosives to confuse the sonars of the herd, and the frantic animals begin to struggle to find each other and escape from the nets. Many of them die from exhaustion or become entangled in the motors of the speedboats.

While the fishermen are busy securing the tuna, dolphins (air-breathing mammals) suffocate under the nets. Some are entangled in the nets and lowered on deck, where they are inhumanely tossed aside and overboard, left dead in the ocean. The fleets have developed a "back down" procedure, where one part of the purse-seine is lowered, allowing some of the netted dolphins to escape. The confused animals, however, have been suffocating, and once free, immediately struggle to the surface for air — often ripping their fins or breaking their beaks. Sharks are attracted to the blood, and prey upon the already exhausted dolphins. These deaths are not reported by the fleets.

Concern for this type of dolphin-slaughter brought about the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, which sought to gradually reduce the dolphin mortality rate to zero. In 1976, the National Marine Fisheries Service established a quota for the number of dolphins killed by the U.S. industry, and placed government observers aboard each ship to insure that the law was followed. The quota was reduced to 20,000 deaths per year — down from 200,000 — until 1984, when the resolution was amended, indefinitely extending both the quota and the fisheries permit to kill dolphins.

But now, after 30 years of mercilessly slaughtering dolphins for that compact can of tuna, the industry has pledged to

save the lives of dolphins. Were they motivated by good will towards these intelligent mammals of the sea? I think not. The tuna companies are responding to public and congressional outrage, as well as lowered profits.

The public has always *heard* of the dolphin-slaughter practice, but no one really got to see it first hand, (except for the tuna fleets and they didn't care), until a few dolphin activists posed as employees on a tuna vessel and videotaped the entire, horrid tuna-catching episode. Now anyone who wants to see how that can of tuna came about can call places such as Earth Island Institute and they'll let you borrow a copy of the tape. The graphic scenes of panic-stricken dolphins being pulled through the

Ali Sacash

power-blocks are enough to make even the most die-hard tuna connoisseur think twice, not to mention the thousands of impressionable, empathetic elementary school students who banned tuna from their cafeterias after seeing the tapes.

Some drawbacks to dolphin-safe tuna already are lurking in the background, and we must take precaution against them now — not just by accepting the tuna companies' "pledge," but by closely scrutinizing the actions of the tuna fleets. Currently, all U.S. tuna vessels must have observers on board, but just because the government witnesses doesn't mean the numbers of dolphin mortalities are reported truthfully.

Testimonies from ex-government observers reveal that the fishermen often harass and threaten the observers.

One such man said the captain of the tuna vessel he was stationed on would repeatedly check the records of dolphin mortalities and threaten the observer with violence if he did not change the numbers. Another observer reported that the crew threw explosives at him when he tried to save one of the dolphins dropped onto the deck. Now the tuna companies say they will place their own observers (from the National Marine Fisheries Service) on board the ships to make sure the tuna they catch will not be obtained by dolphin sacrifice. Given the past incidents with observers, can we really trust that the reports of dolphin-free tuna are not contaminated with falsified figures?

Also, of the eight countries fishing for tuna, only the United States and Panama are members of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, which places a limit on dolphin mortalities. Non-U.S. fleets wishing to export their tuna to U.S. markets are required to submit annual reports with a dolphin mortality comparable to the United States, yet only 33 percent of the foreign fleets are covered by observers, therefore enforcement of the marine mammal regulations is largely unreliable. What's to stop the tuna companies from secretly buying their tuna from these fleets? After all, the U.S. tuna industry already has some of its ships falsely registered under foreign titles.

Another problem is the popular albacore tuna. Albacore is tuna not caught by the purse-seine method. Many people eat albacore tuna because they don't like the thought of killing dolphins for their lunch, but the higher-priced albacore tuna is usually distributed by the same companies who have participated in the dolphin-slaughter method for years. The profits from the albacore tuna go directly to the fleets using purse-

seine nets. Recently, albacore tuna fishers have been experimenting with gill nets — thin opaque drift nets not detectable by marine sonar — to capture schools of tuna. While this method isn't as violent and abusive towards whole herds of dolphins, other species, such as whales, turtles and even dolphins, run into the nets, become ensnared in them and eventually perish.

As far as I am concerned, the tuna industry has tainted itself so badly that all the dolphin-safe public relations policies in the world will not make this consumer ever buy a can of tuna fish.

While I am truly glad that the major tuna companies are at least changing to an environmental-consciousness, I still urge you to support mandates putting even stricter regulations on the tuna fleets. Write your representatives and senators urging them to support a bill (HR-2926) — co-sponsored by Sen. Joseph R. Biden (D-Del.) and Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) — that would require tuna companies which do not practice dolphin safe methods to indicate it on their labels. In your letters, also urge for strong federal fines leveled against tuna fleets that kill dolphins, along with pleas for more federal attention (and funds) aimed at protecting the dolphins.

Lastly, give up tuna! Right now, the tuna in stores has been caught with the purse-seines that killed dolphins. Don't let StarKist and the others off the hook just because of their massive Earth Day campaign for dolphin-safe tuna. Make sure they stick by this new policy so that one day all dolphins will be safe from the inhumane practices leveled at them by an industry based on greed and profit.

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bution, rather than whether the senate will accept the bill.

"We don't concern ourselves with the senate," he said. "Each individual judges the application to see if they will do something good for the campus."

The bill, deliberated last Thursday, makes a recommendation to the senate which can be amended, but according to Frank, "Everyone will be pleased."

The College Democrats received \$5,200, a \$200 increase from last year. Jon Altenberg, chair-elect of the CD's, said he asked for more, but noted, "We really don't have a problem with it."

According to Altenberg, some of their programming won't be possible because the group did not receive the \$6,125 they requested.

The College Republican's funding was cut \$50 from last year. CR Chair-elect Jennifer Wilson said she was "infuriated" by the decrease in funding, since the CDs received an increase.

Wilson, also the outgoing chair of Young Americans For Freedom, said she was pleased with the \$400 allocation for YAF, an increase from last year's \$300.

"By receiving \$400, I think they were saying they thought we were doing a good job and that we have demonstrated we can do great things on this campus," she said.

The Progressive Student Union faced a \$110 decrease compared to last year, receiving \$275.

PSU representative Kerry Gluckman said she was disappointed. "It does not surprise me. There's always problems like this with the Student Association. I don't know what their problem is," she added.

Several other groups received decreases in funding: the International Affairs Society, Omni Society and Public Administration Masters Association.

The Finance Committee also recommended funding six new student groups: Women in Communications, the Women's Center, Aerospace Studies, Graduate School Advisory Council, Moot Court Foundation and Phi Alpha Delta/Pre-law.

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Fun, frolic highlight 'generic' spring fling

by John F. Maynard
Asst. News Editor

One particular statement rang throughout the Smith Center at Saturday's Spring Fling — "It probably would have been better if we were outside."

But, for those 2,218 people who came in from the rain in search of free food, drinks and a whirl in the moonbounce, the GW Program Board-sponsored Spring Fling was generally a day full of, well, fun and frolic.

Although the festivities were scheduled to be on the quad, junior Richard Horowitz seemed content just sipping his beer. "It's a fantastic GW festival," he said.

The theme of this year's spring fling was no theme. It was GW's first "generic" spring fling, with areas such as the soda booth marked off as "drinks" — pretty clever, huh?

PB Chair Mary Conneely, seen running around with one of those cool headsets over her fiery red hair, said she was pleased with the attendance. "It was roughly the same amount for Fall Fest, but I don't think people stuck around," she said. "Everything went well. We had enough volunteers."

One complaint Conneely said she heard from several people concerned the newly-implemented beer garden. Those who chose to indulge in the tradition of beer drinking were required to stand in the bleachers at the east end of the Smith Center. Beer drinkers could not leave with their cups of either Michelob or Michelob Dry, and non-beer drinkers could not enter the garden.

"I think you should mix beer drinkers with everyone else," the beer-sipping Horowitz said. "It would be an even more festive atmosphere."

Sophomore Damien Stewart said he felt left out as he sat on the Smith Center floor and chowed down some free Smartfood popcorn. "I'm chilling," he said. "There's not much access to beer. I would be drinking if it was more accessible."

Senior Katie Kirk said the beer garden was not a major problem. "This is the best place to be," she said. "Everyone up here is seniors. I'd rather be down there, but it's not bad."

PB Secretary-elect Meg Ryan (not the actress) said the PB was just following the necessary regulations. "It's unfortunate, but those are the rules," she said. "If there was ever a break in the rules, we would never be allowed to have alcohol at events again. If it's inconvenient, we apologize."

An anonymous beer server said he was disappointed with the small number of people drinking beer, and spoke out against the beer garden. "It's like segregating smokers and non-smokers," he said. "It's like there's something wrong with you... something different about you. You're inhibiting people's free expression."

Well, enough about the beer garden controversy. How about the lead band, Royal Crescent Mob? "Never heard of them," said senior Julie Rist, who was in the beer garden.

But the Mob played and seemed to get an enthusiastic response from spring (See FLING, p.16)



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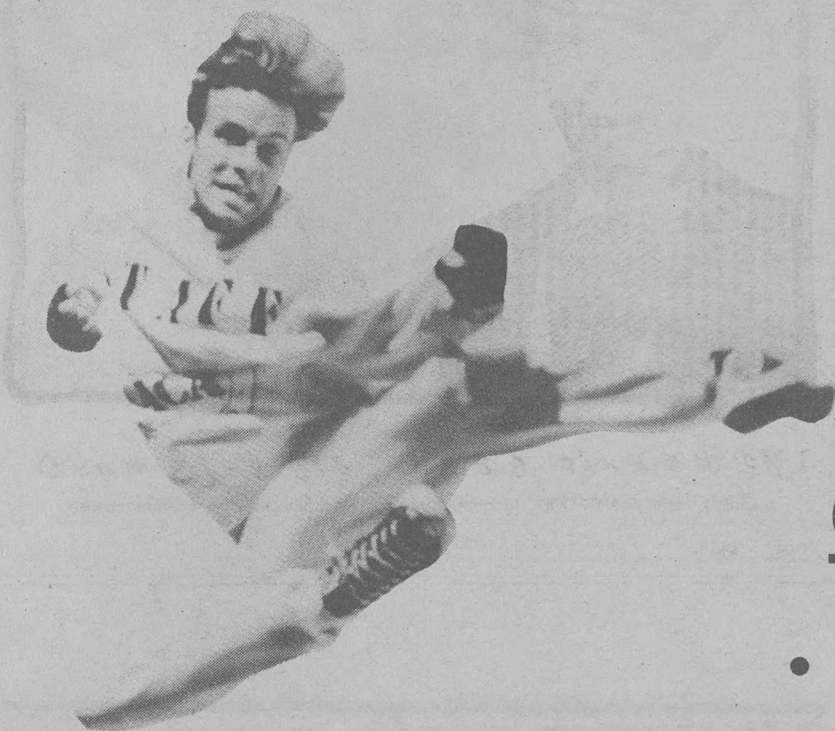


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Reporters discuss dearth of women in newsroom

by Elizabeth Lerman

Hatchet Staff Writer

At a panel discussion Friday on "Gender In the Newsroom," a founder of The Washington Post Style section said the lower number of women compared to men in the news and the newsroom is a "problem society needs to solve."

"You need the input of people with different backgrounds and different perspectives to be able to put together a newspaper that is going to interest the public, and talk about their needs and their needs for news," added retired Assistant Managing Editor of the Washington Post Elsie Carper.

The program, moderated by GW Journalism Department Chairman Robert C. Willson, was held in the Marvin Center and attended by about 40 people.

Carper said women make up 36.4 percent of the journalism work force, up from eight or nine points from when she started working at The Washington Post.

"It's an issue that I think a lot of newspapers are beginning to face up to," Carper said. "We even have two women sports reporters (at the Post) ... but that's not enough."

Paula Ellis, assistant managing editor at the Washington Bureau of the Knight Ridder Newspapers, said the journalism profession is "really in a state of turmoil" due to the decrease of female

readers. The only solution to this problem, she said, is to "represent the community more broadly" in terms of newsmakers and newswriters.

Ellis said another problem is the "lack of diversity in the types of political sources used in news stories ... which includes women." She said this accounts for the present "dramatic phase of redefinition of news" on the part of newspapers.

Former Washington Post reporter and current journalism professor at the University of Maryland, Maurine Beasley, said the number of women both making the news and writing the news is not representative of the 52 percent of the population they constitute. Beasley noted that in this respect, "journalism is probably a rough indicator of the status of women in society."

"Do we expect journalism to reflect society, or to lead it?" she asked the audience. "Perhaps women journalists themselves are being denied leadership positions through subtle and not so subtle pressures within news organizations," she said.

Beasley agreed with both Carper and Ellis, saying "new definitions of news" may be a solution to the problem of unequal press coverage of women.

Following the panel, the Journalism Department held a reception in honor of Willson, who is retiring after 38 years at GW.



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common sense approach. He said he has demonstrated such an ability to solve

problems during his tenure as a councilman.

Told that Democratic opponent Sharon Pratt Dixon has said council members are part of the problem, rather than the solution, Ray responded, "I'm not surprised Ms. Dixon would say that. She's not on the council."

Ray noted a difference between his

campaign and those of his rivals.

"They are all running against the mayor," Ray said. "I'm not running against the mayor. I'm running for something." Ray made this comment the same day Mayor Marion Barry renewed speculation that he would seek a third term.

Ray said he doesn't know whether or

not Barry will wind up running. The councilman also noted he did not foresee either the "hoopla" around Jesse Jackson's rumored candidacy or the entrance of Rep. Walter Fauntroy into the campaign. Other than those two surprises, Ray said, he can't think of any "extras" he could not have foretold.

Ray said he is confident that his record is the one the public is looking for. Ask him about his legislative achievements — he's ready to answer. He's proud of his sponsorship of a health occupation bill that developed different categories for nurses and introduced third party compensation.

"No one could bring the doctors, nurses, psychologists and social workers together to all agree with one another," he said. "I was able to do this."

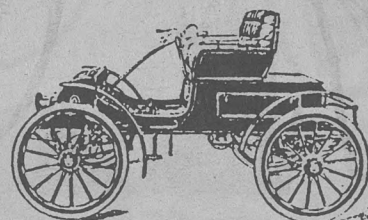
Ray described himself as a candidate who is no stranger to the war on drugs.

He was behind a successful ballot initiative designed to strengthen penalties against the drug traders. "I was saying back then that if we didn't do something about drugs we would face a kind of genocide," he said.

A mayor has to be willing to take unpopular stands, Ray said, noting, "If he's not willing to do that, I don't think he's going to be successful." Ray added that a balance must be struck between being part of a team, and at the same time, being the person ultimately accountable. A mayor who is able to do both is going to make a difference, he said.

"One person can make a difference," he insisted. "Each and every day in this city I can point to someone — and he or she is making a difference."

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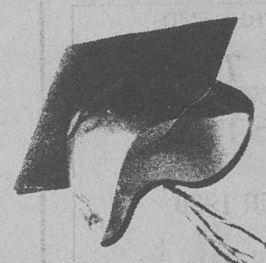
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SA sponsors contest

Senior wins \$300 for speech on racism

by Debbie Hengesh

Hatchet Staff Writer

The GW Student Association sponsored the first annual William Reynolds Persuasive Speech Contest, honoring the public speaking professor who is retiring after 22 years at GW.

Senior Lisa Lynch, a speech communications major, won first place and \$300 for her speech on racial discrimination, Wednesday night in Fonger Hall.

"I stand before you tonight to speak of a disease," Lynch said, opening her address. "A disease that is infectious, consuming and worst of all, terribly widespread."

"All of us are faced with racism every day in our own personal lives," she continued. "To remain silent is unacceptable. We must not be intimidated, and we must certainly not be apathetic. We must speak out because apathy toward any vital issue is a sin."

"Apathy towards an issue such as discriminations is one of the most disgraceful sins of all. . . . A conscious effort must be made by every person to eliminate this disgusting behavior from our society," she added.

Senior Joel von Ranson, a political science and speech communications major, won second place for his address about the environment, "What on Earth Are We Doing?"

"It is our very progress that is our greatest failure," von Ranson said.

"It is our thoughtless consumption that threatens to consume us. Remember that each one of us must play our part, in this, the greatest play of all, lest 1990 become our final scene. Your role need not be in the spotlight, for it is the

millions of supporting characters that will make this human drama anything else but tragic," he said.

George Pinckney, a graduate student in public administration, was awarded third place for his speech, "Youth in Pursuit of Excellence."

Judges for the event were Reynolds, assistant communications professor Steven Keller, communications professor Christopher Sterling, Dean of Students Gail Short Hanson, GW Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick French and Beverly Reynolds, a communications professor at Essex Community College in Baltimore.

Thirty-five students participated in the preliminaries Tuesday night, and nine were selected to participate in Wednesday's finals. In addition to the top three winners, other finalists included sophomore Kyle Fambry, senior Andy Flagel, sophomore Jonathon Lack, freshman Trevor Person, law student Delaine Swenson and senior Kevin Tucker.

"Both the turnout and the quality of the speeches was fabulous," SA Executive Vice President Jon Klee said. "It provided an opportunity to hear the best and brightest GW has to offer, and gave students an opportunity to show what they have learned here."

Klee also said he felt the program was a good way to honor Reynolds for his service to GW.

"Students and the SA rarely recognize professors who have made an impact, and I feel that we have to show our professors that we appreciate them," Klee added. "I really hope other student groups will follow and establish other events like this."



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Rainforest child's tale brings lessons for all *The Great Kapok Tree* let's animals tell own forest story



by Ali Sacash

It's happening right now, even as you read this newspaper. In the time it takes you read this story, hundreds of acres of tropical rainforest in South America will be gone, cut and burnt to the ground, destroying the habitats of more than 800,000 species of plants and 20 million species of animals.

Saving the rainforests has become a hot topic in the global issues facing us as the century draws to a close. Countless supporters, including Sting and The Grateful Dead, have held benefits to boost consciousness and collateral for rainforest preservation.

Recently, former GW art professor Lynne Cherry published *The Great Kapok Tree*, a children's book addressing the topic of rainforest destruction which she both authored and illustrated. Cherry has won numerous awards for her work, including the New York Academy of Science Annual Children's Book Award and the National Science Teachers Association Award for her work with children's literature.

Her latest book, *The Great Kapok Tree*, makes the complex issue of the

Amazon rainforest accessible to both young and old readers, through its vibrant pictures and simple text. The 32-page work concentrates on a single kapok tree in the middle of the dense tropics. A woodsman begins chopping down the immense tree, but soon tires and falls asleep on the ground. As he slumbers, various animals, birds and insects beg him not to destroy their home. Each animal's plea reveals something about the relationship between the animal and plant kingdom, from the majestic beauty



of the forest to the oxygen it provides to sustain all life.

"I've been interested in the destruction of the rainforest for years, even before it

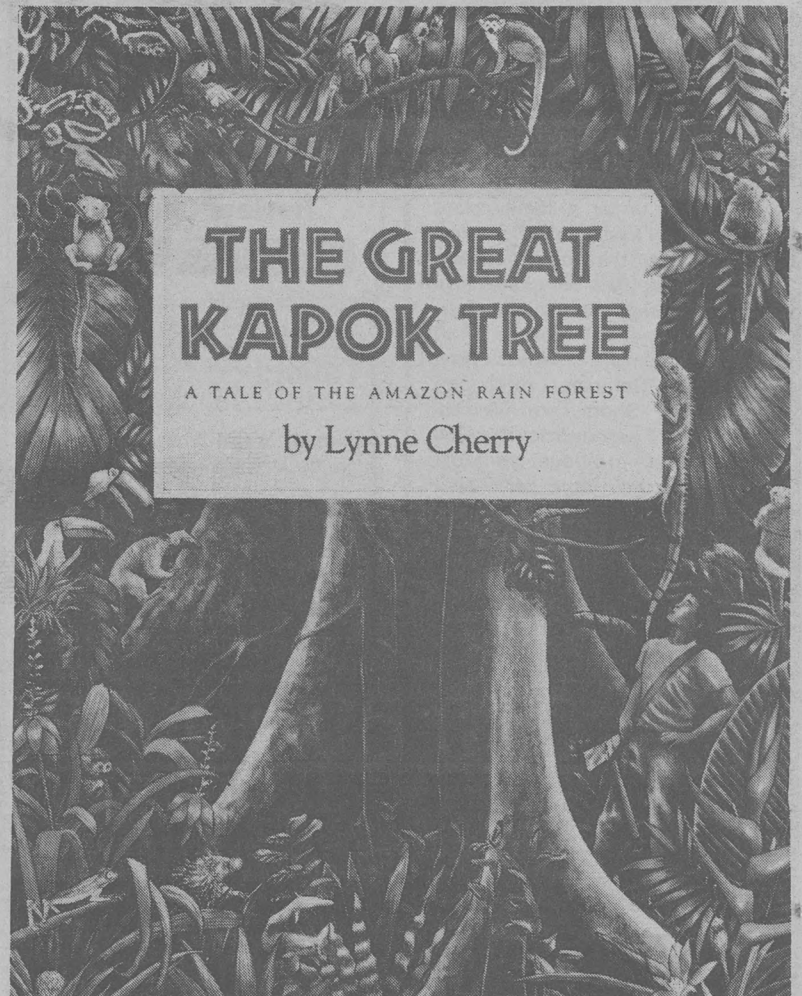
became a public issue," Cherry said in a recent interview. "About five years ago, I started thinking 'How can I present this issue for kids,' " she explained. "I wanted it to be enjoyable, and I came up with the idea of animals in the environment."

Cherry says she used the concept of individual animals presenting single justifications to the woodsman so as not to confuse a young reader. *The Great Kapok Tree* emphasizes the mighty repercussions one person's decision can bestow on a whole community. If the man cuts down the tree, he will inevitably destroy the home of many creatures.

"Kids naturally identify with animals, and I think they have a natural empathy for the trees. Teaching kids that if you destroy the environment you destroy animals, gives them a way to identify with the problem," Cherry said. "Kids seem to know that animals have souls just like we do."

Along with the story of the kapok tree and animals are Cherry's vivid illustrations of the Amazon rainforest. These splendid depictions are the result of a long and involved study of the rainforest and its inhabitants.

"I was an artist in residence at the World Wildlife Federation and a biologist there gave me access to hundreds of slides of the rainforest. There was another guy who let me use his library filled with books about tropical rainforests," she explained. "Last March I went to the rainforest near Manaus for about 2 1/2 weeks," Cherry continued. "Every animal in (*The Great Kapok Tree*) is from research."



"Going to Brazil really influenced me, especially watching Brazilian TV. I learned a little bit of Portuguese so I could understand how they were portraying the issue of the rainforest in their own country," Cherry said. "On the TV, they also showed images such as a crowded Los Angeles freeway in the smog and a Midwestern factory spewing pollution into the air. These pictures were very moving, vivid shots of American pollution."

"You know, saving the rainforest is just a drop in the bucket to them compared to America's pollution. It occurred to me that we want to save the rainforest to offset our pollution," she stated. "They talked about the forests here in our own country. We are destroying our own forests as fast as they are destroying theirs. Yet, we're telling Brazil not to touch their rainforest."

Cherry also described why the Brazilian forest inspired her: "The rainforest is an incredibly brilliant, silent place. It was the first time I was surrounded by the absolute silence of a forest since I was a small kid," she said. "It was very profound for me. While I was sitting and drawing, it was very, very quiet, and some of the animals came up to me out of their hiding places."

While *The Great Kapok Tree* is enjoyable to read and the wonderful pictures are magnificent, Cherry also sees her work to be educational. "The endpapers of the book are specifically for an education tool," she noted. The margins of the endpapers contain representations of tropical rainforest inhabitants such as the boa constrictor, three-toed sloth, scarlet macaw and the Brazilian tree frog.

She also included a map of the world showing where rainforests once existed and where they are now. "The book

contains geography and scientific aspects. You could go through the book and match the animals in the story with the ones on the endpapers," Cherry said. "I also included a cross-section of the different levels of the rainforest which explains the difference between the canopy and something like the herb layer."

For now, Cherry is donating part of the royalties she received from *The Great Kapok Tree* to various rainforest organizations. This past weekend she autographed books at Bicks Books in Adams Morgan, and donated \$1 from each book sold to rainforest protection funds. Cherry also sold books at the Earth Day rally on the Mall yesterday, giving proceeds to environmental groups.

Reading *The Great Kapok Tree* can be a learning experience for everyone. The simplistic motifs and serene setting of the book serve as fuel for environmental consciousness in forestland conservation worldwide. The issues Cherry presents in *The Great Kapok Tree* are logical, reasonable arguments for the preservation of our forests, including the fact that trees supply the oxygen we need to breathe, and they absorb the carbon dioxide which has been linked to increases in global warming.

"It's really disturbing to me to see us destroying nature," Cherry said. "It just moves me." Cherry said she hopes *The Great Kapok Tree* can play a part in combating environmental destruction by emphasizing the importance of a single action or decision.

Lynne Cherry's next appearance will be April 28, autographing her book at Cheshire Cat, a children's bookstore at 5512 Connecticut Ave N.W.



Lynne Cherry, author and illustrator of *The Great Kapok Tree*.

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flingers. "At first people didn't know them, but I think people enjoyed them," Conneely said.

Frontier Theory was the first band to play. They were selected as a result of winning last month's Rat Jam, and have played local venues including the Bayou, d.c. space and the 9:30 Club. "It was a lot of fun," lead singer Kevin Kelley said.

Blues Traveller was the second band to perform. Anyway...

Hot dogs were very popular with this crowd, as the lines remained long all day for the American delicacy. Black People's Union President-elect Eugene Pair was top weenie-server and said hot

dog distribution went well. "I (gave) away a whole lot of hotdogs," he said. "Some came out burnt, some came out raw, but they're all free."

Earth Day also had a place at the fair as Students for Environmental Action members staked claim to a table in order to answer any and all questions concerning the environment. "I've given away a lot of posters (on recyclable paper of course)," SEA President Dana Hollish said. "A lot of people don't know what we're all about."

However, she said she was disappointed with PB's giveaways. "We're upset about all the plastic being given out," she said, referring to generic key chains and cups, as well as the styrofoam plates at the hot dog stand.

"We would have liked it to be an environmental event," Hollish added. "PB didn't want it. They thought it would be too strange."

As the day progressed, a Spring Fling

volunteer crew member said things were going well. "If your reading about Spring Fling in the Hatchet on Monday, and you missed it, you missed a great party," junior Michelle Rubin said.

Senior Jody Boudreault was neither here nor there with her analysis of Spring Fling. "The cotton candy is especially excellent," she said, but "the music between bands is lousy."

A spring flinger who only wanted to be known as Chayhead seemed to be enjoying himself. "I can't think right now," he said. "I've done too many whip-its."

And finally, one last quote just because I thought it would be nice. "I can't think of anything good to say," sophomore Debbie Ryan said. "I'll sound stupid."

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Students, speakers gather at national CD conference

by Anastasia Benshoff

Hatchet Staff Writer

This weekend GW was home to the College Democrats' National Training Conference, attended by more than 150 students from approximately 45 universities.

CD President-elect and Conference Co-Chair Jon Altenberg said he was impressed with this year's speakers, including Rep. Henry Gonzales (D-Texas), consumer advocate Ralph Nader (see story page 3) and Vice-Chair of the Democratic National Committee Lynn Cutler.

"I was especially pleased with Rep. Gonzales," Altenberg said. "He's symbolic of congressmen who care."

Conference participants attended workshop sessions coordinated by Participation 2000, a democratic training organization for high school and college students. Workshop topics included campaign resources, fundraising, voter contact and voter registration.

"The workshops were excellent," said CD President and Conference Co-Chair Amy Heir. "The evaluations that we collected after the workshops indicated that people needed and desired these skills. I think this has been the best conference to date."

According to Heir and Altenberg, this year's conference was the result of a joint coalition of CD organizations at GW, American, Catholic, Georgetown, Howard and Trinity.

"In past years, schools used to compete for speakers," Heir said. "This year, we were all in on this program and it worked out great. By working together, so many people really became friends. So I'm sure the groups will continue to work again in the future."

"The College Democrats are so stagnant, outreach is impossible," she added. "If we hadn't had all these groups working together, we couldn't have done it."

"Most importantly, GW had a big influence on small College Democrat groups on other campuses. We helped

American University's College Democrats with their fundraising and helped new groups at Catholic and Howard," Heir said.

Altenberg noted, "In the future, we hope to continue the coalition and to be working with Gallaudet, UDC and George Mason."

Heir was pleased with the number of participants. "My ideal was to have 250 people here, but being realistic, I'm happy with the turnout."

Harvard senior Jerome Maddox said he enjoyed the program, but wished there was more discussion of the CD

platform. "The workshops were good, but what we really need to do is create unity which means define a platform. There really wasn't any discussion of the issues."

"It was great to meet actual members of the Democratic National Committee," GW freshman Michelle DiRaffaeli said. "The DNC always seems so closed to outsiders, so it was informative to hear from them."

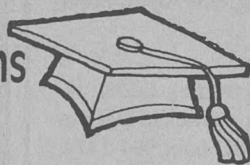
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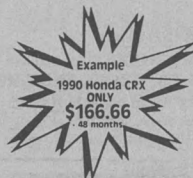


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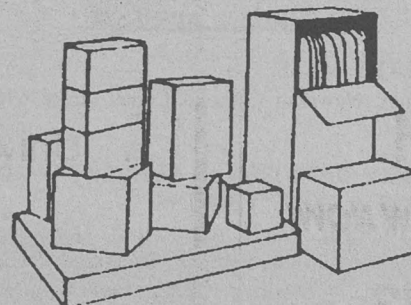
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* TUESDAY, APRIL 24 *

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OPEN HOUSE. noon-5pm, 2127 G St., NW (bldg HH). A chance to meet ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Info: 994-6590

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* WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 *

LISNER AT NOON - THE TJ HORNE ENSEMBLE. 12:15 pm, Lisner Auditorium. Director will be GW's own Tom Horne. Info: 994-6800

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* THURSDAY, APRIL 26 *

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3-4:30pm, Academic Center T509. Sponsored by Career & Cooperative Education Center. Info: 994-6495

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* FRIDAY, APRIL 27 *

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10pm, Continental Ballroom, Marvin Center, third floor. This event is being sponsored by LGPA & American University's Gay & Lesbian Community to benefit the American Foundation for AIDS research. \$5 covers beer, wine, & snacks. Age ID required. Info: 994-7590

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12:15pm, GW Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd St., NW. Joseph Giordano, MD, professor of surgery & Director of The Center for Vascular Disease will provide an overview of vascular disease & its risk factors. Info: 994-3415

* SATURDAY, APRIL 28 *

WEEKLY MASS.

4:15pm, Newman Catholic Center. Info: 676-6855

TOMMY DAVIDSON IN CONCERT W/KIM COLES & TONY PERKINS.

8 & 10:30pm, Lisner Auditorium. Discounted tickets for GW students at Newsstand. \$8 all others at Ticketron & Ticket Center outlets. Sponsored by Program Board, Black Peoples' Union, & Showtime. Info: 994-7410

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8:30pm, Dorothy Betts Theatre, Marvin Center, first floor. \$3 GW students, \$5 all others. Catherine Pickar, Director. Info: 994-6245

* SUNDAY, APRIL 29 *

WEEKLY MASS.

11am, 6pm, & 7pm, Newman Catholic Center. Info: 676-6855

PANKAJ UDHAS IN CONCERT.

6pm Lisner Auditorium. Sponsored by GW Indian Student Association. Info: 742-8888

* ANNOUNCEMENTS *

Auditions for "Waiting For Marge" by Nick Mathwick. April 24, 25, & 26, 7:30pm, Downstage of Lisner Auditorium. Early auditions for this first play of fall semester. Info: 994-8072.

Shotokan Karate Class Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7-8pm & Saturdays, 10:30am-noon, Marvin Center 501. Classes free & open to all. Info: 785-0521.

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Peer Tutoring Service is recruiting tutors, reactivating tutors, & accepting tutees in Dean of Students Office, Rice Hall 401. Info: 994-1478.

Women's Self Defense Class on Saturdays, noon-1pm, Marvin Center 410-415. Info: 785-0521.

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Exhibit "The Artistic University Family" through May 18, Colonnade Gallery, Marvin Center, third floor. All GW students, faculty, & staff are invited to submit art works of their own creation. Info: 994-6555.

George Washington University Volleyball Club practices are held at Smith Center on Saturdays, 11am-2pm & Sundays, 1-4pm. Info: 342-9430.

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GW students take part in 20th Earth Day rally

by Inga Scheidemandel
Hatchet Staff Writer

Many GW students played their part in the 1990 Earth Day celebrations, be it being honored or attending rallies.

GW sophomore Dana Hollish, founder and leader of GW's Students for Environmental Action, was awarded the Henry David Thoreau award as part of Earth Day ceremonies yesterday at the Capitol.

Jack Marks, a self-employed math tutor who presented the honors, said he awarded Hollish and other local university students for "most exemplifying the environmental philosophies of Thoreau."

Although no other GW students attended the award presentation, Hollish said, the GW Student Association plans to re-award the prize to her at another ceremony sometime this week.

For this year's Earth Day celebration,

marking the 20th anniversary of the first Earth Day in 1970, more than 125,000 people gathered on the Mall near the Capitol, listening to speeches by celebrities, activists and congressmen.

Early in the morning, about 300 people, mostly students, gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to take part in a dawn ceremony celebrating the advent of Earth Day.

The ceremony was organized by the Student Environmental Network Saving the Earth, a consortium from D.C. area universities. Students gathered around the steps of the memorial in the early morning and lit candles, assembling near a replica of a globe attached to a coffin.

At 6:22 a.m., the sun rose as Earth Day 1990 officially began.

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About 15 members of GW's Students for Environmental Action attended the event. "I'm here to join in the celebration of the beautiful Earth," GW sophomore Michelle Kraft said. "I want to make people aware of the dangers that are facing the Earth so we can work to change them."

Freshman Eric Gralinck said, "I came out here because its Earth Day and it's a chance to make a positive change."

The dawn ceremony "went really smoothly," freshman Darren Kaminsky said.

Actor Richard Gere, who opened the ceremonies at 11 a.m., said, "Welcome to your life. Welcome to Earth Day, Earth Week, Earth Decade . . . to fight ignorance, greed and lack of respect for our mother (Earth)."

Earth Day spokesman, actor Tom Cruise, said saving the Earth has to begin on a local level. "Start in your own backyards. Do you recycle? If you do,

great, and if you don't, then start," he said.

Senator Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) said, "Ask yourself, what is important to you? Make your choice, then live it."

Profits from the ceremonies will benefit 12 local and national environmental groups.

Hollish, who said she puts in 20 to 30 hours per-week for SEA, noted that the group strives to save the environment. "My biggest concern is that everyone on campus should have more information available. Our information files on recycling, etc. need to be more known about."

"Many people don't understand what it is they can learn on Earth Day," she said. "So many just don't know the issues. I hope they'll have a lot of information (at the ceremonies)."

"(But afterwards), everyone may go home and drink out of their styrofoam cup and throw it away and not be environmental. I want people to get get last-

ing effects from (Earth Day). I'm hoping it will have a big influence," she added.

GW senior Bob Metzinger, a member of SEA, described Hollish as "very dedicated, hardworking and a real asset to the group," adding that since 1987, Hollish has changed the SEA outlook to be more political and active from what used to be the GW Student Recycling Initiative.

Hollish said she started an ecology club in high school, and was "always looking forward to founding one in college." She said GW's recycling group, SRI, was "quite a job itself."

After helping to get a recycling law passed and spending most of their efforts "hauling trash from places such as Crawford Hall and the Red Lion" and recycling it themselves, Hollish said, she and SRI decided they no longer wanted to be "trash haulers," and wanted "to give advice instead."

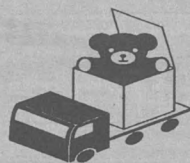
After participating in national environmental convention in North Carolina, Hollish said she and other SRI members "realized how much we could do and weren't doing" for clean air, water and global warming. Hollish founded SEA this year, with a broader and more political scope involving 74 members.

"Some people say we're too liberal, but we're open to information and we want to know the truth," Hollish said. "We have a lot of facts, but not enough."

Staff writers Ali Sacash and Donna Wynkoop contributed to this report.



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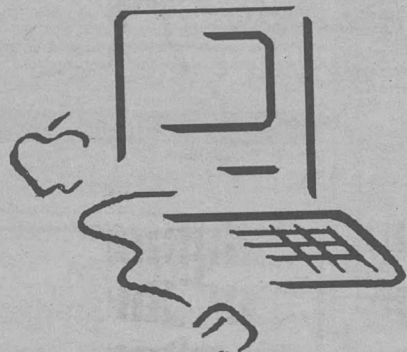
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share room 419 with the Students for Solidarity and Democracy in Eastern Europe and the Students for Environmental Action.

"We're quite pleased we got some space," said YEC Vice President Jim Persbach. "The Students for Environmental Action were originally unhappy, but apparently they've calmed down now. They thought at first we had completely opposite goals, but after some over-

lapping members explained our cause, they were more understanding," he said.

The other board decision included moving the Korean Student's Association from room 423 to 421, sharing space with the Euro-Club, Armenian Student Organization, General Union of Palestine Students and the Objectivist Club.

Siblini said he would not rule out reorganizing the current room allocations if a better plan is conceived, stressing the difficulty the Governing Board faces in the process. "The problem we are getting to," Siblini said, "is we can't please everyone in terms of conflict."

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Rowers

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over). This is not our boat race and our performance reflects it.

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"It's been a perfect venue," Wilkins said. "Nothing's ever been done like this on the East coast at all... it's virgin territory in uncharted water."

"We hope the (GW) administration sees that people want to see (crew) and we will have a regatta next year again. We will invite Oxford and Cambridge again."

Strokes — GW next rows May 5 on the Potomac in the Cadle Cup.

Anderson

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"I feel I'm doing well as a freshman, playing in collegiate baseball. I'm happy with my freshman year."

Anderson does lead the A-10 in one category, innings pitched. As of late, however, he has slowed down in that area, as he has had arm problems.

"I've been getting treatment for about three weeks," he said. "Something is wrong with my elbow."

"When you look at freshman, you don't expect much," GW head coach John Castleberry said. "We're fortunate to get him, he's got the tools and he's a real competitor."

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Sports

One GW winner at Potomac International Regatta

by Yosefi Seltzer
Hatchet Staff Writer

The undefeated GW women's junior varsity eight crew challenged heavier competition and won in a time of 7:03.08 at the Inaugural Potomac International Regatta, Sunday in front of 15,000 spectators on the Potomac.

In the two-day meet — which was the first time England's Oxford and Cambridge universities have raced in the United States — the Colonial women's crew competed as a lightweight crew in a heavyweight class because "we threw them in to see how it works," GW crew head coach Paul Wilkins said.

On a rainy Saturday, the GW crew won its first heat (6:49.1) over Navy (6:52.1) and Columbia (7:08.9) to advance to yesterday's finals heat where the Colonial women beat Navy (7:07.78), Trinity (7:15.17) and Columbia (7:15.77) with relative ease as it held a race-long lead, finally winning by one full boat's length.

"We were scared to death before the race," GW stoker Debbie Geraghty said. "We just wanted to win . . . we wanted it a lot and we came up with better technique."

"We have been working hard since September," Patricia Flanagan said. "We're just glad everything payed off."

In other women's results Saturday, GW's freshman eight (7:13.3) lost to the University of New Hampshire (7:02.8)

in the first round and later that afternoon came in second (7:08.36) behind Columbia (7:01) in the consolation round.

The varsity eight crew came in second (6:41.5) to Navy (6:36.8) in the morning heat. In the afternoon race, the Colonial women finished third (6:42.87) behind both UNH (6:33.7) and Georgetown (6:37.17) and ahead of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (6:52.22).

GW's men crews did not fare as well, though.

"Our women are better in their competition than our men because there is more turnover for them," Wilkins said. "Only three guys returned this year and many women stuck with the program. The men also aren't as big or as strong as these other schools that competed."

Sunday, the freshman heavyweight eight crew came in fourth (6:10.89) behind Wisconsin (5:55.69), UCLA (5:56.41) and Georgetown (6:01.57).

Saturday, the freshman lightweight eight lost (6:32.5) to Navy (6:11.2) and came in third (6:27.21) to Georgetown "B" (6:17.2) and Trinity (6:17.58) in the consolation round.

The varsity lightweight eight team lost twice: first to Navy (6:01.5 to 5:57.4) and later that day to Trinity (6:08.24 to 6:01.16).

The JV lightweight eight (6:34.62) finished second to Navy (6:12.4) and the



photo by Jeremy Aziz

Men's crew could barely keep afloat, as it was swamped by the talented field at the Potomac International Regatta.

varsity lightweight eight (6:08.24) lost to Trinity (6:01.16).

In the men's varsity eight finals, defending national champion Harvard took the trophy with a 5:35.44 time over UCLA (5:39.68), Wisconsin (5:40.72) and Princeton (5:46.51).

The Oxford crew finished sixth and the Cambridge crew finished eighth in the men's varsity heavyweight finals. Cambridge rower David Klempner said that was because "we've been partying for a week."

"We peak on March 31 for our Henley Royal Regatta (the annual race between the rivals, Oxford and Cambridge)," Klempner said.

"This weekend's crew has only rowed together five times because four of our usual members are practicing on the British Olympic team. This is really an exhibition for us because we took two weeks off before this. Now, we are building up for the summer season and we haven't developed sharpness."

"We are a bit disappointed because

we ran out of steam in the last bit," Oxford stoker Richard Thorp said. "We usually practice two hours before breakfast and four hours in the afternoon five days a week. In our spare time, there's only three things to do . . . wine, women and work."

"It's been a nice holiday," Oxford's rowing director Steve Royle said. "We combined our first and second boats . . . this was enjoyable and we were relaxed now (that the Henley Royal Regatta is

(See ROWERS, p.22)

Batters held to single run in sweep

by Holger Stolzenberg
Hatchet Staff Writer

The GW baseball team outscored its opponents 11-10 in three games, but the Colonials lost two, dropping a double-header yesterday at Old Dominion, 5-1 and 2-0, while beating Maryland 10-3, Thursday at College Park.

In yesterday's nightcap, GW's Billy Arnold pitched a complete game, allowing two earned runs, as the Colonials (18-25 overall, 9-3 in the Atlantic 10 Conference) were shutout.

The highlight of the game came in the sixth inning, when Colonial centerfielder Ken LaVan was ejected for arguing a called third strike with the third base umpire. GW head coach John Castleberry was also given the boot when he fought with Monarch head coach Pat McMahon and the third base ump about the call.

The Colonials had a chance to tie the game in the seventh, when Pat Takitch doubled to lead off the inning. After a fly out, Scott Jason singled moving Takitch to third, but Allen Browning and Dave Fletcher both followed with strikeouts to end the game.

In the opening game, freshman Bill Anderson (4-3) pitched a complete



photo by Greg Heller

The Colonials slid this weekend, dropping two to ODU.

game loss allowing five runs (one earned).

The Colonials' run came in the sixth inning, when George Baker walked and advanced to second on a Greg Orlosky single. The runners advanced a base on an error and Baker scored on a ground out to the ODU shortstop.

GW made two errors on the same play in the fourth inning, which was responsible for two runs.

Thursday, the Colonials erupted with 10 runs and received a good outing from starting pitcher Mark Eyer.

In the fifth inning with Browning at first, Fletcher singled and moved Browning to third. Baker drove in Browning and moved Fletcher to second by grounding out. Jack Martin singled and advanced to third base on a

two-base error, as he drove in Fletcher. Martin then scored on a sacrifice fly hit by Orlosky.

Leading 3-1 in the sixth, a Takitch single and walks to Mike Welch and Jason loaded the bases. Fletcher then hit a grand slam, his sixth homer of the season.

GW did not score again until the ninth, when with one out Orlosky walked and advanced to third on a single by LaVan, who was caught trying stretch it to a double. Takitch doubled and drove in Orlosky. Welch hit his third home run of the season, driving in the final two runs.

On Deck — GW plays at Georgetown, Tuesday at 3 p.m. The Colonials host Maryland at RFK/Auxiliary Field at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Hurler Anderson shines as rookie ace

by Holger Stolzenberg
Hatchet Staff Writer

Despite leading the Atlantic 10 Conference in innings pitched, and leading the Colonials in victories and strikeouts, GW freshman Bill Anderson considers this season to be his preparation year.

Anderson, who has emerged as the number one starter in the GW pitching staff, is working on a change-up to go with his slider and his 80mph fastball.

Back in his hometown of Queensbury, N.Y., Anderson has received extra help from major-league pitchers Dave LaPointe, David Palmer and Randy St. Claire. "The biggest thing they stressed is having a change-up," he said. "They said when I pitch in college level or higher than that, you're going to need a change-up."

In his final two seasons at Queensbury High School, Anderson (18-0) went a total of 129 innings, allowing only two earned runs, 10 walks and 214 strikeouts. He pitched two no-hitters plus a perfect game, during which he struck out 19 of 21 batters.

Anderson was MVP in the Foot Hills Conference and he also made the first team All-Foot Hills Council. "I had a lot of control and I didn't walk many guys," Anderson said.

Nine major league teams spoke to Anderson before the 1989 Major League Baseball draft, yet was not selected, which came as a great surprise to him. "I was looking

forward to it, but it didn't come around," he said.

GW learned of Anderson in eighth grade when he pitched against a team coached by Jay Murphy, now the Colonial assistant coach. "He saw me pitch, and when I became a junior, he called to see how I was doing," Anderson said. "From there GW showed great interest in me."

"We're fortunate to have Billy," Murphy said. "He's probably the best freshman in the country. I think the years of the future will make him one of the best pitchers to have ever played here."

When Anderson arrived at GW, he was hoping to start. "I was told that there were five older guys and they were to start off. They wanted me to move into the top four, but that was all to be decided on how I did and I was determined to get in there," Anderson said.

Eventually, he won a spot in the rotation when he shutout Delaware State, 10-0, early in the season. From there he has amounted a record of 4-3 with a 3.46 ERA, while going 67 2/3 innings, completing four games, allowing 26 earned runs and striking out 54.

"When I came here I had expectations," Anderson said. "I was hoping to get between seven and nine wins. I wanted to lead (the team) in some categories."

(See ANDERSON, p.22)